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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: JORDANIAN IMPRESSIONS OF  
OAU/ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT, CAIRO, MARCH 7

REF: STATE 046135

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF ASKED MINISTER OF  
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HASSAN IBRAHIM, WHO LED GOJ  
DELEGATION UNTIL KING HUSSEIN ARRIVED, FOR HIS IMPRESSIONS  
OF AFRO-ARAB CONFERENCE IN CAIRO. IBRAHIM CHARACTERIZED  
BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SUMMIT MEETINGS AS AMONG THE  
MOST RATIONAL, NONPOLEMIC HE HAS ATTENDED. ASKED WHY, HE  
THOUGHT A COMBINATION OF FACTORS PRODUCED AN ATTITUDE,  
ESPECIALLY ON THE AFRICANS' PART, OF WANTING TO GET  
SOMETHING ACCOMPLISHED AND IMPROVE TIES WITH ARAB STATES.

2. A PRIMARY REASON FOR AFRICANS' BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH,  
IBRAHIM BELIEVES, WAS OF COURSE THEIR WISH TO GET MONEY  
FROM ARAB OIL PRODUCERS. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, HE  
SENSED THAT AFRICANS FEEL ISSUES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
ARE ON THEIR WAY TO RESOLUTION NOW. AFRICANS  
SEEMED TO FEEL THAT ALTHOUGH PRESSURE WILL BE KEPT ON,  
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STAGE OF RHETORICAL EMPHASIS ON THOSE MATTERS IS OVER,  
AND SERIOUS LOOK SHOULD BE TAKEN NOW AT PROSPECTS  
FOR FULL RANGE OF AFRICAN-ARAB RELATIONS BEYOND  
ANTI-COLONIAL FACET.

3. IBRAHIM WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED THAT AFRICANS  
MAINTAINED NON-POLEMICAL APPROACH THROUGHOUT LONG

PERIOD OF TIME AT CONFERENCE THAT ARAB OIL PRODUCERS TOOK TO COME UP WITH EXACT AMOUNT OF AID PLEDGED TO AFRICAL DEVELOPMENT. IBRAHIM SAID ARABS' FOOT DRAGGING ON THIS RESULTED LARGELY FROM OIL RICH STATES' WISH TO ESTABLISH THAT AID WAS COMING FROM THEM DIRECTLY RATHER THAN FROM ARAB STATES AS A WHOLE, AS NON-IOL PRODUCERS WANTED.

4. IBRAHIM ADMITTED THAT AFRICANS' APPROACH PROBABLY WOULD HAVE CHANGED CONSIDERABLY AT END OF CONFERENCE IF ARAB OIL PRODUCERS DID NOT COME UP WITH THE AID FIGURES THAT FINALLY EMERGED. NONETHELESS, HE REMAINS IMPRESSED AND SOMEWHAT CURIOUS ABOUT THE AFRICAN ATTITUDE, ESPECIALLY SINCE MUCH OF THE ARAB OIL STATES' PLEDGES ARE IMPRECISE ABOUT DATES AND PROGRAMMING. PICKERING

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